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South Vietnam: Military activity by both the Viet Cong and government forces has tapered off recently.

No large-scale Viet Cong attacks have been reported in over two weeks, and the number of small attacks has declined. A similar decline in activity occurred during May and June in 1962 and 1963. A sudden change in the political situation would probably spark a strong Viet Cong reaction, however.

On the government side, no new major operations were reported on 1 June. Government casualties last week are reported to have been 250 as compared to 484 the previous week. Statistics for April and May suggest that the downward trend in government personnel strength may have been arrested. Desertion rates, however, remain high.

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DAILY BRIEF

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Tanganyika-Zanzibar: Foreign Minister Kambona's return from Europe has given some new impetus to the union, but the pro-Communists on Zanzibar are continuing their independent course.

Kambona has appointed the United Republic's first ambassadors to the UN, Washington, and Bonn. He has notified countries that maintained a diplomatic mission in both Tanganyika and Zanzibar before union that they may convert their island missions to consulates. This ruling does not cover East Germany, whose status on Zanzibar remains unresolved.

[Kambona told the West German ambassador in Dar-es-Salaam that he is determined to get rid of the East Germans, but will not negotiate with them directly because he considers them a satellite of the USSR. Kambona believes that Moscow will not openly oppose a reduction in the status of the East German mission. He says he told the Soviet ambassador that he expects Moscow to effect the necessary change.]

Kambona also said that Khrushchev told him in May that Moscow "would not insist" upon recognition of East Germany by the United Republic. This suggests that the USSR will not let the question of East German recognition jeopardize its relations with Tanganyika.

Some 300 recruits from Zanzibar arrived in Dar-es-Salaam on 29 May to begin training with 600 Tanganyikans as the first battalion of the integrated army. The pro-Communist trained army on Zanzibar--some 500 strong--is, however, continuing to train under Soviet guidance. Most of the arms of the island's moderate-led police force have been transferred to this army.

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The first contingent of Tanganyikan police trained and equipped with new UK and US automatic weapons reached Zanzibar last week and more are expected shortly as replacements for the Tanganyikan force which has been on the island since January. It is not clear, however, what the balance of effective forces now is.

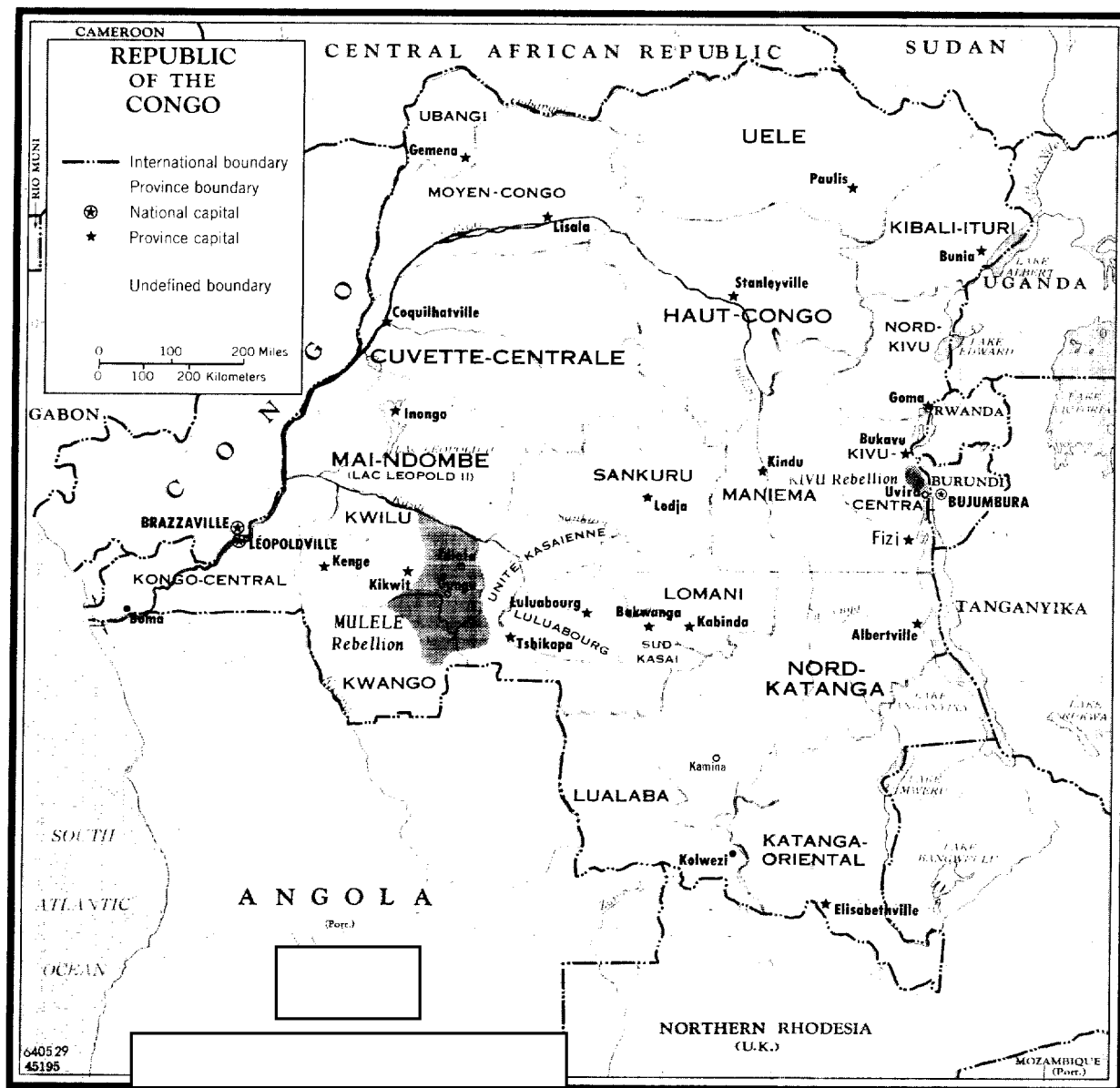
Other new arrivals on the island include five East German teachers, the first of seven East German doctors, 14 Soviet merchant marine officers, and a North Vietnamese chargé-designate. Five thousand tons of materials for an East German housing project are due in July. The Chinese shipment of "consumer goods" which arrived in mid-May apparently included some small arms and ammunition.

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NOTES

Congo: The situation in Kivu Central is still serious, but Congo National Army (ANC) soldiers are holding a roadblock south of Bukavu, the provincial capital, and Rwandan security forces have succeeded in repelling a rebel attempt to penetrate the city through Rwanda. Some armored vehicles and reinforcements, including a few Belgian staff officers, are arriving in Kivu. Local UN officials are still undecided whether or not to send troops.

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*South Korea: President Pak Chong-hui placed Seoul under martial law following large-scale disorders yesterday. All schools in the capital have been closed and two divisions of South Korean troops have begun moving into the city following their release by the UN Commander, General Howze. General Howze is concerned that the use of troops to frustrate the students risks alienating the public from the military.

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